

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 523

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A RESOLUTION to express the State of Tennessee's support for the nation of Israel.

WHEREAS, there have been Jewish communities throughout Tennessee since before the 1850s, and those communities and their citizens have been an integral part of the development of every aspect of this State; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee and Israel have a long history of friendship and are great allies in support of each other's interests; and

WHEREAS, the State of Israel, the only democracy in the Middle East, is the greatest friend and ally of the United States in the Middle East; and

WHEREAS, the Lord of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob promises in Genesis 12:3 to bless those that bless Israel; and

WHEREAS, continued attacks on the people of Israel continue to undermine the possibility of a peaceful resolution of the conflict; and

WHEREAS, attempts to deny the legitimacy of the sovereign state of Israel continue unabated in the United Nations and international media; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee recognizes that Israel has a right of self-defense against attacks; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that the General Assembly expresses strong support and a steadfast commitment to the security, welfare, and survival of the Jewish State of Israel with secure borders, and recognizes its right to act in self-defense to protect its citizens against acts of terrorism.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Assembly calls for an end to all attacks against Israel and for all nations to recognize Israel's right to exist.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Assembly calls for the United Nations to work for true peace by ending its one-sided and unjust blaming of Israel when it engages in lawful acts of self-defense.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Assembly expresses its desire to encourage all Tennessee lawmakers, both state and national, and all Tennessee citizens to give their vigorous and enduring support for the nation of Israel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.